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## Soviet Mass Education May Blight Communism

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An interesting thought has been offered that the Soviet Communist system may be on the way to destroying itself by promoting mass education. It appears that a little free thinking might prove a dangerous thing for the Red leaders who usually do all of the necessary brain-work for their people and change the direction of thought as it fits conditions.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has suggested the possibility that mass education of the Soviet people might in the long run destroy the Communist system of government.

Mr. Dulles said, "In introducing mass education, the troubled Soviet leaders have loosed forces dangerous to themselves. It will be very difficult for them henceforth to close off their own people from access to the realities of the outside world."

Here are three questions which might point the way to the downfall of Communism, as posed by Mr. Dulles:

1. "If Moscow really adopts the idea of co-existence, then Western free systems must be permissible as a way of life and, if permissible anywhere, why not in the Soviet Union?"

2. "If Titoist heresy is to be forgiven and approved only a few years after being denounced more ferociously even than capitalism, how can the Soviet Union deny European satellites similar heresies if they so desire?"

3. "Can the Soviet Union give its people a better material education and still keep them from wanting more and from thinking more along these lines?"

There is already evidence that some change in the hard-rock Communist policy is being made behind the Iron Curtain. Mr. Dulles has described what he cites as an indication that a "de-emphasis" of ideological study is taking place in connection with the physical sciences.

In other words, the Kremlin does not mind if today the physical scientists teach and develop theories and practices which do not conform to Communist principles. Realism and the necessity for being right in such things as atomic power and industrial development overrides the desire to make everything conform to Marxism.

Mr. Dulles said he believed that freedom of thought was also spreading into other areas.

If the Russians carry their free thought processes far enough it is possible that they will learn the fallacies of Communism and the importance of individual initiative and reward for accomplishments—or, profit.

That would be the beginning of the end for Communism. Therefore, if Mr. Dulles is correct, time might destroy Communism, provided the decision is left to time alone.